

Name Shirley Naylor Mc Cathy

Graduation year 1937

Today's date: December 5th 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

IT WAS THE ONLY SCHOOL AT THAT TIME FOR TEACHERS
OF PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION - ALTHOUGH THERE MAY HAVE BEEN
COURSES IN PHYS ED AT MCGILL + U OF T.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

NONE

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

THE WONDERFUL STUDENTS AND STAFF + THE
GREAT MES SPIRIT.

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

NONE!.

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

OUTDOOR EDUCATION EACH SEPTEMBER -
1 YEAR AT LAKE CAUCHICHING. ONT
1 YEAR AT CAMP TANAMAKOON - ALGONQUIN PARK

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

ANATOMY CLASSES WITH FIRST YEAR MEDS - AND THE
EXAMS TO BE FACED & PASSED

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

MISS FLORENCE SOMERS WAS A FINE PERSON AND AN
OUTSTANDING WOMAN IN HER FIELD. I REMEMBER HER SINCERE
INTEREST IN EACH STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL. A VERY CARING PERSON

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

PARENTS PAID.

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

A MES REUNION FOR ALL YEARS IN THE '50'S

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

DIRECTOR^{WOMEN'S} PHYSICAL EDUC. AT YM. YWCA - WINDSOR, ONT.
STAFF OF MARGARET EATON SCHOOL - TORONTO, ONT.
STAFF OF D'OFT SCHOOL OF PHYS & HEALTH EDUC
SUMMER STAFF AT CAMPS IN ONTARIO

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - SUMMER SCHOOL -
UPGRADING.

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 17
- B. Your country of birth: CANADA
- C. Country of mother's birth: CANADA
- D. Country of father's birth: CANADA
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?
- Mother's occupation: HOUSEWIFE
- Father's occupation: BANK MANAGER
- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?
- City: LANSDOWNE
- Province: ONTARIO Country: CANADA
- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?
- OAK RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
- What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 12
- Was this a private or public school? PUBLIC
- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 42
- Married to: (name) WINSTON A. McCATTY
- Occupation of husband when married: R.C.A.F

XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? YES

Could you list other addresses than from the class of 39, and 41, or do you know of MES students who have passed on?

MISS HELEN RICKER
283 SOUTH KINGSTON WAY
TORONTO, ONT
M6S 3V3

- She was in touch
with Dorothy Jackson
at a much later
date than I was.

Name Helen Ricker

Graduation year 1937

Today's date: Jan. 10 1992

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

Because I enjoyed, but had little training in physical education activities at High School. An older sister met M. E. S. trained camp counsellors & told me about them & the school they attended.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

Following my older sisters and brother at U. of T., which I didn't really want to do.

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

dressing up in long evening dress & cloak & attending classical music concerts at the Eaton theatre in College St. store. All M. E. S. students were expected to attend these series of concerts.

Practically everything, beginning with the Sept. month of camp training at Tanamakoon - the challenge of bettering ones physical skills in most types of sport activities - anatomy classes taken at U. of T. - friendships ^{& loyalty} formed in a small class of 15 students - excellent staff including Dorothy Jackson & Elizabeth

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

The creative demands of "modern dance" (I was brought up in a family where all dancing was frowned upon)

& Trying to eat cold bacon sandwiches for lunch after working on a cadaver in anatomy class!

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Part of this answer is in question III. The sports I liked best were Basketball, volleyball, badminton, gymnastics (then known as apparatus & tumbling)

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

See ^{first} answer to question IV. - Theory classes were a bug-bear to me except for those that were scientifically based.

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

I didn't really realize that a Board existed. Miss Somers was patient's kind but did very little teaching, as far as I remember, particularly not the practical subjects.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

Have no idea, except for myself - my parents paid for it. Very few students ever tried to get summer jobs in my day!

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

Not at all, except for Shirley Naylor McCatty, by Christmas letter and an occasional visit.

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

Phys ed in private school - 2 years

Phys ed in Y.W.C.A. for 2 years

After qualifying for a BA degree at Mt. Allison ^{University}, along with 3 years of part-time teaching at Mt. A., I taught Phys Ed & Health in a Toronto collegiate for 33 years - Became head of women's ^{phys. ed. department}

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

Just said - BA degree at Mt. Allison University - then College of Ed. at Toronto to get a Province of Ont. teaching certificate
Summer Course - at University of Wisconsin
" " - at Columbia University
Various short courses in Toronto.

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 15
- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
- D. Country of father's birth: Canada
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?
- Mother's occupation: Wife + Mother to a family of 4 children
- Father's occupation: North Bay Normal School Principal
- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?
- City: North Bay
- Province: Ontario Country: Canada
- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?
- North Bay Collegiate Institute (NBCI)
- What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 13
- Was this a private or public school? Public
- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19
- Married to: (name)
- Occupation of husband when married:

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? yes

Could you list other addresses than from the class of 39, and 41, or do you know of MES students who have passed on? From 1937 all I have is Helen Fiebig Bennett, Shirley Naylor McCatty and yourself. In total I have heard from over 60 graduates. Do you know any addresses or names of graduates that are deceased?

Peggy Walker - 299 Mill Rd. #2008, Etobicoke M9C 4V9
I am not sure if she was an MES grad or a UofT grad in P.H.E.

Name Letha Mellicke

Graduation year 1938

Today's date: September 1st 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

My sister had. I had a job waiting
for me with B.C. Government
"Pro-Bro."

II. What alternatives did you consider?

To study at Wellesley Mass.
U.S.A

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

The camp program and
Sundays at St. George's residence

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

Monday morning Gym Examination
by Miss Jackson.

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Modern Dance Program

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

Trying to get around the city
with equipment & to practise
teaching

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

Miss Somers was an ideal
Head-mistress, intellectually stimulating
and understanding.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at
MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

parents.

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

Only Muriel Nelles - my room-mate
and she was the one who worked
harder at it.

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a
result of your education at MES?

"Pro-Ree." with the B.C. Government
& that used about every subject
we studied. My Anatomy course
came in useful for sculpture &
painting at Vancouver School of Art.

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where?
Why?

Yes in Art. A correspondence
course with Famous Artists at Westport
New York, Art school at Vancouver

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 15
B. Your country of birth: Berkeley, California U.S.A.
C. Country of mother's birth: U.S.A.
D. Country of father's birth: U.S.A.
E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: House-wife, food brend, pianist
Father's occupation: Financier

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Vancouver
Province: B.C. Country: Canada

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

University of British Columbia

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 2nd year

Was this a private or public school? Provincial University

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 39

Married to: (name) J. Stuart Leeds

Occupation of husband when married: Journalist

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? YES

Could you list other addresses than from the class of 39, and 41?



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